

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 9 and objected to claims 7 and 8. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, and 8 and canceled claim 7. The Application now includes claims 1 – 6, 8, and 9.

A Petition for Three-Months Extension of Time and check in the amount of \$ 475.00 are enclosed.

The Examiner has required the submission of new formal drawings. With this Amendment, Applicant has enclosed one (1) sheet of new formal drawings.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6 in accordance with the Examiner's instruction. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1 – 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn and that claims 1 – 6, 8, and 9 be held allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the Stoeckel et al patent. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the elements of claim 7. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1 – 6, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn and that claims 1 – 6, 8, and 9 be held allowable.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 – 6, 8, and 9 are respectfully requested.

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